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IN A STATEMENT RELEASED TO THE PRESS, THE PORTUGUESE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF HEALTH CONFIRMED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT DEATHS WITH 368 HOSPITALIZED AND LABORATORY-CONFIRMED CHOLERA CASES IN CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL SINCE THE FIRST CASE WAS DETECTED LAST APRIL 24 UNTIL JULY 6, 1974. THEREFORE THE LATEST FIGURE OF 368 REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 96 CASES SINCE THE EMBASSY'S LAST REPORT IN REFERENCE TELEGRAM 2741 DATED JULY 1. OF THE 96 NEW CASES, 70 WERE RESIDENTS OF PORTO DISTRICT WHILE 18 WERE FROM LISBON DISTRICT.

IN THE ALGARVE, WHERE THE FIRST CHOLERA CASES WERE DETECTED, THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CASE HOSPITALIZED SINCE JUNE 26. IN LISBON AND PORTO DISTRICTS, PRESENTLY THE MOST AFFLICTED AREAS,
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PRACTICALLY ALL CASES COME FROM THE POOREST AREAS WHERE PEOPLE

LIVE UNDER WORST SANITARY CONDITIONS.
PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES, APPARENTLY CONCERNED THAT TOURISM HAD
FALLEN OFF, EVEN BEFORE THE CHOLERA OUTBREAK, HAVE EMPHASIZED
THAT TO DATE NO FOREIGN NOR PORTUGUESE TOURISTS HAVE DEVELOPED THE
DISEASE. ALSO THAT NO FOREIGN COUNTRY HAS REPORTED ANY CASES
OF CHOLERA IMPORTED FROM PORTUGAL.
ALTHOUGH NO CASES OF CHOLERA HAVE YET BEEN DETECTED IN MADEIRA
OR THE AZORES ISLANDS, IT IS REPORTED THAT 45 CASES HAVE OCCURRED
IN THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS BUT ONLY ON THE ISLAND OF SAL.
NO TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS OF ANY KIND HAVE BEEN IMPOSED BY THE
PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES.
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